

Frequently Asked Questions - CNA Refresher Course

1. How many hours are required in the course?

10

2. What materials should be used to teach the course?

The Kansas Certified Nurse Aide Curriculum Guidelines (90 Hours) should be used as the basis of the course.

2. What topics are required?

The following topics are to be taught:

1. The CNA's responsibility in health care delivery
2. Meeting Resident Needs: Communication
3. Meeting Resident Needs: Resident Rights, including issues involving Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation; and culture change.
4. Meeting Resident Needs: Safety, including the Heimlich maneuver
5. Meeting Resident Needs: Infection control, including handwashing
6. Meeting Resident Needs: Basic nursing skills, including measurement and recording of vital signs
7. Meeting Resident Needs: Personal care skills, including feeding, bathing, dressing, elimination needs, skin care; transfers: positioning and turning.
8. Meeting Resident Needs: End of life care
9. Meeting Resident Needs: Care of the cognitively impaired resident
10. Meeting Resident Needs: Basic restorative services

3. Which items need to be covered in class?

All items need to be covered in class.

4. What are the clinical requirements for the course?

There are a minimum of five hours clinical. Items four through seven must be included in the clinical portion of the course.

5. Can all the clinical items be covered in a nursing laboratory setting?

Yes.

6. How much time should be spent on each topic?

The amount of time is at the discretion of the instructor, but all topics must be addressed in the didactic portion of the course. Items 4-7 must also be addressed in the laboratory/clinical portion of the course.

7. What about bans on training?

Federal bans on training are not observed for the refresher course since state law is the authority for this course.

8. What is the application process?

The course application must be sent to the department at least three weeks prior to the start date of the course, unless the sponsor participates in the sponsorship program. In that case, the course information sheet needs to be sent to the department at least one week prior to the start date of the course.

9. When is the registry updated to reflect that the certified nurse aide is eligible to work?

The sponsor/instructor must send the roster and identification form(s) to Health Occupations Credentialing. After those are received, the registry is updated.

10. Can the refresher course be used in lieu of the the Task Checklist for Employment Verification?

Yes. We encourage this method because of its inherent added educational value for the CNA, and to ensure that the CNA is current with Kansas nurse aide practice.